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## FIGHTING G.T.P. \$10,000,000 LOAN

Opposition Still Blocking Passage  
of Money to Complete Prairie  
Section of Road.

Hastings, May 2.—A consideration of the Great Frank Pacific deal which was referred in committee in the House of Commons Saturday, Geo. Taylor (Cons., London), in a short speech advised the government to wait a few days before voting on the loan. When it fell due the government would be in a position to see if it paid back. Mr. Taylor thought that if the government did not do this, it would not expect to get the money back.

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W. F. MacLean (Con., New York) objected to paying out any more of the public money to that company, and said the company had received all this railway and ought to own it.

R. L. Bowden expressed the belief that the G. T. P. was responsible for the delay in getting grain shipments to Canadian ports. He argued that beginning with next autumn, when the grain crop comes in, over the G. T. P. to Fort William, the grain would be given to the Grand Trunk winter time, at any rate, sent to Port Arthur. This danger could be overcome if the G. T. P. had a branch line gain with the company to such shipments over the I. C. C. to Canada.

Hon. Gen. P. Graham objected to the suggestion that the Grand Trunk should carry grain from the west as fast as possible. That railway ought to be equipped.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, referring to the situation, said that the men who brought about the serious interference with the contract, now plan what talk they can to get the G. T. P. to participate. During the period of construction a forty-ton beam was thought of to come from the G. T. P. to Fort William, he would not commit himself on that. The premier denied that the loan was a matter of indifference, and that he did not think that the time to put a restriction on the G. T. P. He suggested that the plan was to see that the grain section was completed as fast as possible.

Mr. Bowden said that Sir Wilfrid seemed to have a personal regard for the company, but he did not seem to have such a tender regard for Canadian interests. The premier, in view of the Prime Minister's desire to have the railway go wherever the Grand Trunk likes, had agreed to let the G. T. P. do so. Mr. Bowden insisted that the loan was a modification of the contract.

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## PERILOUS LIFE OF A SAILOR.

Young Halifax Bride Undergoes Harrowing Experience on Homeward Journey.

Halifax, May 1.—Miss Sadie Hitler, of Miss Sadie Hitler, of Lunenburg, to become a sailor's bride and share his perils, has undergone a harrowing experience through which she has passed with her husband, Captain John W. Hitler, and six crew members of the crew of the ill-fated Nova Scotia steamer *Highland Maid*.

The ship, after a long and eventful

trip, reached a small island in the Hibernian group, twelve miles east

way on an uninhabited and barren island, and a wild dash in an open sail boat took the crew across the ocean through a rough sea to gain a point of land in the treks of ocean steaming to Halifax. Her husband and four members of the crew arrived in Halifax last night.

## CONTRARY TO ALL PRECEDENTS, Unlikely Governor-General Will Have Second Term.

Ottawa, May 2.—There is no confirmation available in official circles of a statement made from London by Sir Edward Grey, that the authority of the Sunday Observer that Earl Grey will stay in Canada for another year. The former foreign minister's popularity has suggested in some quarters the idea of a second term, but it is not likely to add to all precedent since confederation.

The usual term for a governor-general in Canada is three years, but the present one is nominally for six years. Earl Grey assumed office June 10, 1904, and he himself has been in Canada longer than any surviving member of the first parliament of Canada, a fortnight ago.

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## JOHN REDMOND, M.P., ISSUES A WARNING

Says Irish Vota Will Be Cast Against  
Liberal Party If It Does Not De-  
clare for Home Rule in the Next  
Election.

Liverpool, April 30.—Mr. John Redmond, M.P., and Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P., addressed a very large meeting in the Hippodrome.

A resolution was carried urging that the national cause depended upon the prompt co-operation of the party leaders in the interests of maintaining unconditional unity in the van of the national struggle, and winning with the utmost energy the seat that the spirit of dissension is brought to an end by O'Brien's proposal.

Mr. Redmond, who had an enthusiastic reception, was asked to reply, and he was gratified.

He said: "I am happy to assure you today that I believe that dissent in Ireland is at an end, and that the party, which is absolutely united in itself, will be able to speak for an absolutely united Ireland, and for the cause of home rule in the country." (Loud cheers.)

Mr. Birrell's Bill.

Mr. Redmond went on to say that the immediate need for the moment was the land bill of Mr. Birrell. The leading features make the land act of Mr. Wyndham work, which was passed in the interests of the distressed districts of Ireland.

The bill would afford the only possible means of getting the people to leave Ireland and to earn a decent living in their own land. He had a strong belief that the people of Ireland wanted to do this. But they had to deal with the Irish landlords and the House of Lords, who were not only hostile but stupid to the last degree from the point of view of the people.

If this bill did not pass, many in Ireland would console themselves with the thought that there was nothing that would become intolerable, and perhaps in that way the consumption of opium would be hastened. But let him say for himself that he would deplore and depounce on any proposal that would lead to disorder in Ireland, though it might hasten by a few years the final victory of the people.

He trusted that Irish landlords and the House of Lords would be wise enough to accept the bill, and that it would be passed in due time.

The Government and Home Rule.

"The Government has said that this bill should pass, but with that exception, in my judgment, the soul of the government is dead after the action of the present government on the question of home rule, and to me it is a clear disappointment to the Irish people. (Hear, hear) The executive situation exists at the moment.

"The House of Commons, there is a majority declared in the division of Martineau, that the bill will not introduce a home rule bill into the House of Commons, but it may be by the pledge of some of their members. (Oh, oh.)

He instead of the present government, will not introduce a home rule bill into the House of Commons, but it may be by the pledge of some of their members.

"The Government, in my judgment, is not a very strong one. The objects of this new club are the same as those of the old, changing of policies and other purposes.

"Rockefeller Jr. Wins Libel Suit.

New York, May 3.—A verdict of guilty of criminal libel was given yesterday by the Star company, publishers of the New York Journal, by a jury in the trial of John D. Rockefeller Jr. A fine of \$1,000 was imposed against the company and no cause of appeal was filed, though it is known that such an association is to form a new club.

In all there are two hundred Maritime people in the city, and it is a fair percentage that are members.

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"The evidence in the case was deposited yesterday, and today was devoted to the arguments of counsel.

Civic Service at Ottawa Organized.

New York, May 3.—Representatives of outside and inside civil service organizations this afternoon and decided to merge their organizations into one, the outside service brought under the act of 1924, which now applies to all civil service employees.

John D. Rockfeller Jr. is president of the executive committee, and Mr. McLaughlin, Montreal; A. Jacques, Montreal; J. Darro, Toronto; Dr. Frank J. Moore, Ottawa; F. Allen, Ottawa; J. A. J. McKeown, the chairman of the executive committee.

THE LIBERAL PARTY.

With the question the university students have again settled, the decks are clear for home rule venture to say it now in the name not only of my colleagues of the Liberal party, but also of the Irishmen of Great Britain and Ireland that the future will witness bitter uncompromising opposition at the Winnipeg; J. Greenfield, Vancouver;

polls and afterwards on the floor of the House of Commons in the early part of next parliament, by the Liberal or Radical, Socialist or Tory, which ever comes into power, rather than in its present form, but later, a programme. (Loud cheers.)

Mr. Birrell's son said Mr. Redmond did not dwell on the topic which was uppermost in their hearts and minds, and added that the most important point regarding dissension in the Irish ranks as being brought to an end by the will of the Irish people. (Hear, hear.)

No doubt many of them read the statement of the former prime minister for a man who had a glorious record in the past. (Hear, hear.)

The name of the man that they removed, as if Ireland had escaped a great peril. With these words he bade the audience good night.

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SNOW STORM DID GOOD.

From County According to Well-  
Advised Farmers.

Calgary, May 2.—Mr. Stanion, one of the leading farmers in the Granville district, arrived in the city yesterday from Winnipeg and went south.

Taking about conditions in the south, Mr. Stanion stated that he had done much good work on his farm during the past week, he had considerably seedbeds prepared in the snow.

There were five on the British delegation to the United States, besides secretaries and clerks.

It is the first world conference in which Canada has had a place and as marking a stage of Canadian development which has been reached in the field of agriculture without historical significance.

The English language was also significant in an international gathering.

It is to be hoped that only of commerce, but of craftsmanship, done in the South.

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1,200 BLUENOSES IN CALGARY

Association of Maritime Province Re-  
sidents Being Formed.

Calgary, May 3.—A movement is on foot to form an association of maritime province residents of Calgary.

J. J. Irvin, president of the association, and he is asking for names of old residents who are willing to join. Applications have been given in and when it is known that such an association is to be formed, all in there are two hundred Maritime people in the city, and it is a fair percentage that are members.

It is to be hoped that the association will be a strong one.

The objects of this new club are the same as those of the old, changing of policies and other purposes.

"So far as the Dominion is immediately concerned, the chief question of immigration is perhaps the most important.

To preserve the standards, which are the chief factor in the success of the Dominion, we must take measures for the gradual suppression of the present immigration of undesirable persons.

There is no room for undesirable persons, the most important among them being the Chinese.

Some idea of the large amount of construction work that will take place in the next few years can be gathered by observing the regular freight trains that run between the coast and interior, and are loaded with wood pipes, timber from B.C., large quantities of lumber from B.C., and a few cars of Calvary stone.

T. P. Malone is in receipt of a wire from the manager of the C.N.R. that this is a dangerous year.

He will leave for that city.

A CENSUS NEEDED.

An agitation is on foot at the present time to have a census taken in the Strathcona area.

London, May 1.—David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, on paying a parliamentary speech, extended the principle in his new budget. He increases the stamp duty on one per cent, while leaving the bonds issued by the colonial government.

Give me one per cent, and you must tend to popularize investments in Canada, he said.

Mr. Birrell's speech will urge the extension of preferential stamp duties to all colonial investments.

## NOTHING TO FEAR FROM ORIENTAL IMMIGRATION

W. L. Mackenzie King in Vancouver  
on Route From Orient. Where in  
Past, Present and Future Conference  
as Canada's Representative—First World Conference  
Which Canada Participated.

## STRATHCONA NEWS

### LOCALS.

A. L. Marks of London, was a visitor in Strathcona yesterday and today, having just returned from a business trip to the coast.

He is attending the Calgary Normal School for the past two terms returned to the city on Saturday and Monday.

The regular monthly meeting of the Strathcona Board of Trade takes place this afternoon. It is expected that Mr. Birrell, Secretary of State, will be present to explain the project.

The postmen, besides association with the Strathcona Agricultural Fair grounds this evening at seven o'clock between the hours of 7 and 9 p.m., will be at the Hibernians of Edmonton.

Before a large audience in Metro Hall, Rev. H. E. Gordon, delivered an able sermon "The Anchor" on the subject of the present world situation.

The service of God and Present Day Idolatry" was the subject of Rev. J. C. Bowes' sermon last night, the Rev. W. H. G. Smith, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, also spoke on the subject of the present world situation.

The estimated amount of money not yet been paid by the City Council through a large amount of time, it is believed, may have been spent upon them. The citizens are anxiously awaiting their adoption in the near future.

The Rev. J. M. Douglas, president of the Southern Board of Trade, is in receipt of a very handsomely designed invitation to participate in the opening of the Yukon-Alaska-Pacific Coast exhibition.

E. W. Jones, formerly of Toledo, has presented his resignation, and it is expected that he will in future make his residence in the several delegations, and the commission was of opinion in any form otherwise than for medical purposes, that he would be a matter for protest or censure regulation.

"In regard to the proposed cash deposit, it is to be hoped that the government will take measures for the gradual suppression of the present immigration of undesirable persons.

Some idea of the large amount of construction work that will take place in the next few years can be gathered by observing the regular freight trains that run between the coast and interior, and are loaded with wood pipes, timber from B.C., large quantities of lumber from B.C., and a few cars of Calvary stone.

T. P. Malone is in receipt of a wire from the manager of the C.N.R. that this is a dangerous year.

He will leave for that city.

A CENSUS NEEDED.

An agitation is on foot at the present time to have a census taken in the Strathcona area.

London, May 1.—The census is now being taken in Edinburgh, and one is contemplated for the Dominion.

Edmonton has at present over 25,000 inhabitants, and one is contemplated for the year 1931.

The result of this census will be of great interest to the government in the government of multitudes, and by a realization of the British empire and a young nation seeking to develop its resources, and to realize its obligations to its allies and other countries we need have nothing to fear from continental immigration, not at least for many years to come.

WILL POPULARIZE INVESTMENTS

London, May 1.—Representatives of outside and inside civil service organizations this afternoon and decided to merge their organizations into one, the outside service brought under the act of 1924, which now applies to all civil service employees.

John D. Rockfeller Jr. is president of the executive committee, and Mr. McLaughlin, Montreal; A. Jacques, Montreal; J. Darro, Toronto; Dr. Frank J. Moore, Ottawa; F. Allen, Ottawa; J. A. J. McKeown, the chairman of the executive committee.

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## PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD CONCLUDES SESSIONS

Next Meeting to Be Held in Edmonton—Important Questions Discussed at Sessions in Calgary—Theological Conference Being Held This Week in Southern City.

Calgary, May 1.—With the closing of the day-long and the pronouncement of the benediction by the moderator, Rev. G. Hamilton, of Calgary, the Presbyterian synod of Alberta closed its annual meeting at Knox church last night, and will not meet again until the last Monday in April, 1910, when it will be held in Edmonton.

The moderator in his closing remarks last night expressed his satisfaction at the work accomplished, and thanked the members of the synod for their co-operation in the various days the synod was in session. Although the majority of the ministers and laymen of the synod are in specific districts today, some of them will stay in the city over Sunday, and those who have been away are led to leave to attend their districts.

We hereby beg to overture the Synod of Alberta to appoint a committee of three from our church or from the corresponding church or of other denominations to arrange, if possible, for the holding of a general instruction in the public schools of the provinces.

The committee will be given the task of securing the services of a speaker, and the date set for the conference will be given.

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In the morning an exceptionally comprehensive and carefully worded report on the life of the synod was presented by Rev. J. C. Stewart of High River. The report was very full and interesting, and took up the greater part of the morning.

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The Parental Authority.

The general answer as to what the extent of authority had shifted from the parents to the children in the home had an almost unanimous response in the sense that the reports agree that parental authority is not exercised as it ought to be, and that the parents fail to make the comparison for which the question was asked.

Father and Son Reading.

The Edmonton presbytery alone reported any increase in the number of students in the public schools, but observed, but a number spoke of encouragingly of the practice of Bible reading.

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To give character building a large place in the schools, most of the reports were favorable, but it was agreed by all that depends upon the character of the teacher.

A course in domestic science was suggested by all the presbyteries regarding the public school curriculum to more fully equip girls for the home sphere.

Home and Church.

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### Bill Boards Are Indecisive.

In regard to what should be done to minimize the evils of bill boards, play houses, and other places of amusement in the home, the report says that many whole-souledness or beauty of any town where they are displayed. It is suggested to let people to what they know to be unworthy, or what is in any way objectionable, and to let the public have less to do with lessening this evil.

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Mr. Jenkins, local manager of the Bluthnik & Faving Company, said that the Synod of Alberta has been instrumental in getting the Foreign Missions report, and the Synod accepted it as such and adopted it.

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## THE C. P. R. AGREEMENT.

The provisional agreement concluded between the city council and the representatives of the C. P. R. is now in force, as far as the city is concerned, but it would like to have been, not as it was hoped it might be. But it is the best agreement that two councils have been able to secure from the company in two conferences separated in point of time by a week. It is a hard agreement, but it is a good one, extending over a far longer period. It may fairly be taken as the best agreement that it is practically possible to secure from the company, whether or not it embodies all the demands of the city's stamping. The alternative before the city seems to be therefore to accept the agreement or to go before the railway commission to defend its side of the case against the application for a rate increase for the year to come to the city on the same terms and conditions. That the agreement is not markedly more favorable than the tentative agreement of 1907 is in itself evidence that the company have conceded all they intend to concede peaceably, and that we have either to accept it or go to war.

Probably the least satisfactory part of the agreement—is that of concluding a year and a half ago—that the city undertakes to pay the damages of property-holders for depreciation of value due to the entrance of the road. Log and timber obligations should rest upon the company and the city respectively as soon as possible. One would consider it fair that the city should bear the expense of putting in overhead bridges and subways in return for the advantages of having the road built at the time of the year to pay the damages occasioned by the building of their road. To this the company object that if they were the party liable for the damages the amount of damages would be far in excess of the amount of the cost of the road of the city. If the damages claimed were all to be settled off the coast, the might be good property though bad argument. But nobody expects such claims to be settled without appeal to the courts. The company's representation seems to be that the claim that the course of the land would assess heavier damages against them than against the city. This is an assumption that the judges of the land are prejudiced against the company in this case. The company may have reasonable reasons for requesting this to be so, but it is an unsafe maxim for the city to go upon. If we accept the agreement we must do so expecting to be sued for damages just as largely as the company will be sued for damages by the city. And when the claim would not be paid even so large, the situation would not be good argument to say that because the company did not enter Edmonton five or ten years ago that the city should not be expected to do the same to them do so now. Because this did not come when we wanted them to come is no argument at all that we should pay the damage bills of their coming when they can no longer stay out.

The weakness in the city's case, of course, is that we want something from the company. We want traffic attachments put on their bridge. These attachments they are presumably at liberty to allow or to refuse. We have no arms right now to insist that the railway commission would force them to put on the attachments at our request, even if we bore the expense. The board might do so, but we do not know that they would do it. The company has the benefit of having the permission to set out on the roads means as a club over our heads. If we did not grant their requests regarding street crossings and the closing of streets we were given to understand that they would not be allowed to do so on the bridges and roads that that bridge could be built. The latter threat nobody has seriously believed, for the company have had too much at stake to stay out of Edmonton. But they might get

into Edmonton without bringing up their railway and roadway connections with Strathcona and this we did not want. It was not until the agreement regarding the roads had been concluded that Mr. Peters informed us that the company were prepared to put on the attachments to the bridge. This is the reason why the city has been held by the company throughout as the lever with which to pry up the city's opposition to the company's demands regarding the bridge and attachments. The company towards the suggestion that the company will not doubt be largely affected by the nature of the concession made by the company, if concession it be. If the concession is not, we will not be satisfied to give up the right to try to get the concession granted. Whether it is satisfactory or not will not be known until the plans for the bridge are available. In large measure the fate of the agreement hangs on the kind of traffic bridge the agreement would give us.

## WE GOT THE BEST OF IT.

Last week's storm raged over practically the whole area of the continent from the northern fringes of settle-ment to the Gulf of California. We may hope that it was the last general engagement for this campaign between the opposing forces of sun and frost.

In different areas the storm took on different forms. Throughout Canada there was a gale, but in the south, snow, as well as wind, has never in this part of the country at least, accompanied any relative of the blizzard. Further south it became a snow, but rain and snow combined, with thunder, lightning, combined, with them, to bring down the Great Lakes, and the Mississippi, Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee, and the Ohio to the Atlantic.

In the matter of choice Western Canada seems to have got the best of it, and Eastern Canada the worst. We, as far as we are concerned, had heavy snow that was pretty well piled by Friday evening, accompanied by a driving wind.

The Agamemnon and the Lord Nelson, the two latest armoured cruisers of the Dreadnaught class, had the advantage in the number of heavy guns and a considerable advantage in rapid fire.

At the extreme range of the 15-inch guns, and in clear weather, it must be said, the Agamemnon was able to outdistance in the range in which naval action may be expected to take place, and the Lord Nelson, the very clearest weather, the advantage would seem to lie with the armament.

With the author of the "Navy League Annual" I discussed the two lists of English Dreadnaughts. I also add the four latest armoured cruisers of the Invincible class.

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"I have endeavoured," said Lord Brassey, "to consider the question entirely by political alliance, and I am sure that the Government are doing their duty by the country in regard to Naval defence."

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## BRITAIN'S NAVAL STRENGTH

Lord Brassey recently gave an interview to a press representative in London on the present standing and strength of the Royal Navy. From his information given to Lord Brassey, the following table showing the comparative strengths of the German and British navies in ships, tonnage and pay is compiled:

| Built and in Building                  |         |        |
|--|---------|--------|
| Germany                                | England | France |
| Destroyers . . . . .                   | 100     | 100    |
| Ships of the line . . . . .            | 10      | 10     |
| Armoured Cruisers . . . . .            | 10      | 10     |
| Nelsons . . . . .                      | 23      | 11     |
| Monarchs . . . . .                     | 10      | 10     |
| Admirals . . . . .                     | 8       | 8      |
| Other ships from 10,000 to 15,000 tons | 10      | 10     |
| Small Cruisers . . . . .               | 10      | 10     |
| Destroyers over 1,000 tons . . . . .   | 10      | 10     |
| Destroyer Guards . . . . .             | 10      | 10     |
| Torpedo Boats . . . . .                | 10      | 10     |
| Grand Total . . . . .                  | 96      | 96     |
| Armoured Cruisers . . . . .            | 10      | 10     |
| Destroyers armed, 9 inferior           | 26      | 26     |
| Total . . . . .                        | 162     | 162    |
| Cost in £100,000                       | 54,000  | 54,000 |

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## DISTRICT NEWS

### KILLAM.

Bulletin News Service.  
Seedling has been very backward this spring on account of the cold weather, but it has become general now.

Two outfitts of engine gangs were unloaded here last week, also an Avery undercarriage outfit from Galt.

Our football club hold their reorganizing meeting tonight (Wednesday) at the Hotel Alberta. There is a three club league composed of Daysland, Killam and Hardisty and it is the Alberta Amateur Football Association.

Thirty-five carloads of merchandise arrived yesterday at this port from the first of April and the progress is good, and there is still more to come.

Herman Hardisty has sold his homestead to Mr. W. H. Gibb.

We underline the price paid was \$3,300.

John Hermon Caldwell, one of our progressive business men, has received the appointment of Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to the port of Tuscan Lodge.

W. S. Wardell, P.W.S., Geo. C. Clark, W. E. Smith.

### STORME.

#### Bulletin News Service.

Robert Seap left on Tuesday morning for Seattle, where he will in future be engaged in the lumber business.

He will have three elevators in Seattle by fall. The farmers are doing one, also the lumbermen. We can understand the Imperial Elevator Company of Winnipeg, have applied for acreage.

J. E. Vanderburgh is erecting a handsome addition to his residence at Hillcrest.

Mr. A. Park of Pleasington, was in town on Tuesday on business concerning the Pleasington, D. & G. Governmental Rural Telephone line has been forwarded to the Department of Public Works and the telephone line will go on as far as present as 10-43-13, a distance of 10 miles.

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George W. Ross, of Pleasington,

was doing business in town on Monday.

M. P. Barrecks last week, it was decided to reorganize the cricket club, and the new officers elected for the season's play.

The officers elected were

A. W. Bush, of Hastings Coulee,

and W. J. Williams.

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when Tuscan Lodge, A.F. & M., was constituted with a complimentary banquet, R. W. D. G. MacLennan, president of the Lodge, representing the Grand Lodge of Alberta was the instituting officer.

He was followed by the installation of the officers who are as follows: W. M. L. E. McKenzie, S.W. D. A. R. Allan; J. D. J. H. Caldwell; secretary-treasurer, F. J. Higgins; Tyler, R. B. Monte, S.S., J. R. Large.

After the installation an elaborate luncheon consisting of a variety of dishes served in the Flamingo Club was greatly enjoyed by all present. The last list which was most eloquently presented was to all present the "King."

The Craft-Joiner, Builders, Goldsmith, teacher, was tried on a case of robbery before Justice Goodwin and was discharged. After the trial the court wanted the jury to have a rest and gave the case to the prosecution until the next day. The trial was adjourned to April 26th.

The Duveness school that was the scene of the fire on Saturday night, was destroyed by fire on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at night. Mr. M. Lambert, the owner of the school, had given the students 30 days to get out of the building as it was about up. There was a fire alarm bell and the fire department was called. It was arrested for drawing a bucket of water, the case will come on next week, and the action will be taken.

Mr. L. Ross, crown prosecutor, was in town attending the trial of A. T. Bridgeman, photographer, accused of shooting and killing his son, the Alberta boy, in the second floor of his hotel, which greatly improves the body of the building.

Mr. MacLean, a Hastings Company, have found their new large warehouse too small to accommodate all the goods and materials required for the plant.

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